



COPY of Lord *Essex*'s Written Message to the PRINCE.



H E King has commanded me to acquaint your Royal Highness, that His Majesty most heartily rejoices at the safe Delivery of the Princess, but that your carrying away her Royal Highness from *Hampton-Court* the then Residence of the King, the Queen and Royal Family, under the Pains and certain Indications of immediate Labour, to the imminent danger and hazard of the Princess and her Child, and after sufficient warnings for a Week before to have made the necessary Preparations for that happy Event, without acquainting his Majesty or Queen, with the circumstances the Princess was in, or giving them the least notice of your Departure, and the Occasion of it, is looked upon by the King to be such a deliberate Indignity offer'd to himself and to the Queen, that he has commanded me to acquaint your Royal Highness, that he resents it to the highest Degree.

COPY of a Translation of his Highness's Letter in French to the King in Answer to the above Message.

SIR,

IT is with all the Concern imaginable that I find by the Message which my Lord *Essex* has brought me, that my coming to *London* with the Princess has been unfortunately the Cause of my displeasing Your Majesty. Give me leave, *Sir*, to remonstrate to You, that in the pressing Exigency I was under on *Sunday*, without a Midwife, or any other Assistance, it was impossible for me to stay a Moment longer, or otherwise I had not fail'd in Person to have acquainted Your Majesty of it: And tho' the utmost Expedition that was possible had been used, it would have been impossible to have had Mrs. *Cannon* till two or three Hours after the Birth of the Child, as the Princess had been afflict-ed with the Cholick for several Days. Mrs. *Cannon* and the Doctors *Hollings* and *Broxbolm* were frequently consulted, all of whom assured me that she was not so near her Time, and even on *Sunday* Noon the Physicians were all of the same Opinion, but advis'd that in case she had Pains different from those of the Cholick, that it was proper to give her a Cordial, and to bring her to Town as soon as could be. This I follow'd exactly, and am exceedingly grieved, that a Case should happen where my tenderness for the Princess should remove for a Moment what

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otherwise is always first in my Thoughts, that is, my Devotion to Your Majesty; besides, if I durst say it, the Princess earnestly press'd me to bring her to *London*, where every kind of Assistance was nearer to her, which Request I could not resist, for I should never have forgiven my self, if in the Consequence of my Refusal, any Accident had happen'd to her. I hope all this will affect Your Majesty, and that you will permit me to lay my self at Your Feet to-morrow at your Levee, which I should not have fail'd doing on *Monday* last, if the Queen had not commanded me not to do it; and the only Reason which now hinders my doing it, is the fear of offending Your Majesty by appearing before You, without previously taking the Liberty of discovering the true and only Motive of that Step which has offended You.

C O P Y of His Highness's Second Letter to the K I N G.

S I R,

WI L L You give me leave in the humblest manner, to mention the Grief I feel at my receiving last Night a denial of the Request I had made of paying my Duty to Your Majesty this Day. It is impossible to express how much I suffer in being deprived of this Honour, and in seeing my self out of Your Majesty's Favour. If any thing could comfort me under such a Misfortune, it would be the Innocence of my Intentions, which I beg Your Majesty to believe were never to offend You. I do not take the Liberty of repeating the Reasons which induced me to quit *Hampton-Court* so suddenly. But I flatter my self Your Majesty will the more easily grant me the forgiveness I intreat for, if You will deliberate upon the Circumstances I was under with the Princess, at a Juncture that was not proper for me to use any delay, not even for a single Moment. I therefore presume earnestly to conjure Your Majesty to restore me to your Favour, and to permit me to pay my Duty to You to-morrow at Your Levee; till then I shall not be at Ease.

C O P Y of the King's Message to His Highness by my Lord *Dunmore*.

IT being now near three Weeks since the Princess was brought to Bed, His Majesty hopes there can be no Inconvenience to the Princess, if *Monday* the 29th Instant be appointed for Baptizing the Princess his Grand-Daughter; and having determin'd that His Majesty, the Queen, and the Duchess Dowager of *Saxe-Gotha* shall be the Godfather and Godmothers, will send His Lord Chamberlain to represent Himself, and one of the Ladies of the Bed-Chamber to represent the Queen, and desires the Princess will order one of the Ladies of her Bed-Chamber to stand for the Duchess Dowager of *Saxe-Gotha*, and the King will send the Archbishop of *Canterbury* to attend and perform the Ceremony.

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C O P Y of His Highness's Third Letter to the King.

S I R,

THE Princess and I take the Liberty of most humbly thanking Your Majesty for the Favours which You have been pleased to do Our Daughter, in being her Godfather. The Orders which my Lord *Dunmore* has brought me on this Occasion, shall be strictly pursued. I should think my self extreamly happy, if I durst now lay my self at Your Feet; nothing else could hinder me from doing it, but Your Majesty's Orders to the contrary. To be deprived of Your Good Opinion, is of all Things the most grievous to me, who not only reverence You, but if I durst use so familiar an Expression, likewise most tenderly love You. Will Your Majesty permit me once more most humbly to beg You to forgive a Fault which was altogether undesigned, and to permit me again to pay my court to You to-morrow at Your Levee? I presume earnestly to conjure You to grant me this Request, as what alone can restore my Peace.

The King's A N S W E R by Lord *Dunmore*.

THE Prince has his Orders, and the King does not make any Alterations in them.

C O P Y of His Highness's Letter to the Queen.

Permit me, Madam, most humbly to thank You for the Honour You have been pleased to do the Princess and me, in being Godmother to Our Daughter. I have taken the Freedom of returning my Thanks to the King in writing, and have there added the Grief I feel at my present Situation. I again intreat You to assist me therein with your good Offices, which can never be employ'd in a Matter of greater Consequence to your Son, than to restore Him to the good Opinion of his Father.

The Queen's A N S W E R by Word of Mouth.

I Am very glad the King has done me the Honour to name me for Godmother; I am sorry for other things, he knew best how to help them.